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2. Applicants do not believe that a fee is due in accordance with the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.
3. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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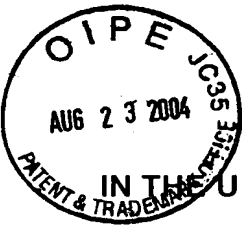
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Sir:

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